

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 9, 2007. Claims 1 to 4 are in the application. Claims 1 is independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In keeping with this indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 6, and consequently Claim 1 is seen to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action entered rejections of Claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,453,083 (Husain) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,768,572 (Romanovsky) and Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Husain in view of Romanovsky and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,245,345 (Reznichenko). Claim 6 has been cancelled. The remaining claims are dependent on the independent claim discussed above, and are seen to be in condition for allowance for the reasons noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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